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HONORING NATIONAL PEACE
CORPS WEEK

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Peace Corps Week, which took place from February 26th until March 1st, 2007.

The Peace Corps was founded in the early 1960s, and has grown to a force of 7,749 volunteers in 73 overseas countries. The Peace Corps has done great work all over the world in numerous fields, including improving agriculture, business development, improving information technology, bettering education, improving healthcare, and protecting the environment.

The Peace Corps provides those who join with extensive training in language skills as well as skills in numerous other fields that give them the foundation to eventually work in any field they choose, much like how I ended up serving my constituents here in Washington after I had spent time in the Peace Corps serving in Nepal.

Today I would especially like to thank Catherine Bukowski, Terry Callan, Katie Clifford, Laurence Dessein, Patrick Gannon, Kerry Goessling, Lisa Jackson, Chetou Lamare, Ryan McCarthy, Samuel Tassone, and Patrick Wayne; all constituents of mine selflessly serving overseas in the Peace Corps. All of these men and women should be commended for their tireless effort, and that is why I stand today to recognize them and all those serving in the Peace Corps.

HONORING COACH TERRY
BUCKLES

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to publicly congratulate Terry Buckles for achieving his 500th career win as Head Coach of the Central Hardin High School Women's Basketball Team.

Throughout his 22 year career, Coach Buckles has epitomized the qualities that make Kentucky hold its basketball heroes in high regard. His steady leadership and the lifelong lessons imparted on his players have made his teams a model of teamwork and good sportsmanship. His success is evident through his players, 26 who have continued their student-athlete careers at the collegiate level.

In addition to his remarkable record of wins, Coach Buckles has coached his teams to six Kentucky High School Athletic Association Regional Championships. In 1996, he took the

Central Hardin Lady Bruins to the state finals and later coached his team to a Kentucky AAU State Championship victory. His success has continued this season, leading the Lady Bruins to a 23–6 record, ranking fourth in the state. With his 500th win, Coach Buckles has joined only seven other coaches who have reached this milestone. He currently stands as the all time leader in wins in the Fifth region and ranks in the top ten for career wins for women's coaches in state history.

Coach Buckles hard work and success at Central Hardin High School has been recognized throughout the Commonwealth. He has received numerous "Coach of the Year" awards; is an inductee of the Fifth Region Hall of Fame; and was honored last year with induction into the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches "Court of Honor," the highest tribute a basketball coach in Kentucky can receive.

I would like to recognize Terry Buckles today before the entire U.S. House of Representatives for his recent coaching milestone. His contributions to education and athletics make him a remarkable citizen worthy of our appreciation and respect.

HONORING RON BOONE

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Ron Boone, a remarkable public servant and friend from my home state of Kentucky. Mr. Boone, a long-time radio news broadcaster in Elizabethtown, passed away unexpectedly in February, 2004. He will be posthumously inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame early next month.

Ron Boone was a legend in Central Kentucky, broadcasting on radio stations WIEL, WASE, WSAC, WRZI and WKMO throughout his 31 year career. He was affectionately known among his colleagues as "The Dean of Newscasters", and was universally praised by listeners and interview subjects for his unbiased reporting.

I have fond memories of Ron Boone dating back to my first days as a candidate in the spring of 1994. Ron reported extensively on my election that year, subsequent elections, and on countless votes and official events that occurred over the course of my first six terms in Congress. I always enjoyed my conversations with Ron, particularly his thoughtful and well-informed observations on our community and Kentucky politics. Indeed, he was very good at what he did.

In addition to his upcoming induction into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, Ron has also been recipient to the Kentucky Associated Press Broadcasters Association Distinguished Service Award, the Kentucky Mic Award from the Kentucky Broadcasters Association, and was inducted into the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame.

Despite many deserved professional accolades, Ron Boone's most enduring legacy was his love of family and his unwavering dedication to his friends, neighbors and community. Though the years were too few, his was a life very well lived.

It is my great privilege to honor the memory of Ron Boone today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, and to send our collective congratulations to his wife Judy who will accept the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame Award on his behalf.

IN HONOR OF PRIVATE CLARENCE
SPENCER, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the bravest and most dedicated young heroes of North Texas and of our Nation.

Army Private Clarence Spencer was killed in Blad, Iraq while fighting against enemy forces in one of the most important conflicts our Nation has ever engaged in.

Clarence Spencer gallantly and selflessly gave his life for his country while fighting alongside his fellow soldiers of the First Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, Texas.

Private Spencer is survived by his mother, son and loving wife, Army Private Charlotte Spencer, who has also devoted herself to our Nation's noble military profession.

Clarence Spencer served three tours in Iraq, two of which were as a marine. Wounded in Iraq on a previous tour, he demonstrated tremendous courage by deploying into harm's way once again.

Private Clarence Spencer is gone, but he will never be forgotten. His memory lives on in our hearts and America is eternally grateful for his spirit and dedication.

As Clarence's Dunbar High School football coach said about him, "I've coached faster, stronger and more talented students, but I've never coached anyone that I was more proud of."

That is precisely the way that the Fort Worth community and our Nation feel about soldiers such as Private Clarence Spencer—a true American hero.

TRIBUTE TO DR. KEN GIBSON,
PRESIDENT OF DONNELLY COLLEGE

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Ken Gibson, who recently announced his retirement, effective June 30th, following nine very successful years as president of Donnelly College of Kansas City, Kansas.

Donnelly College is an important part of the Kansas City, Kansas, community, and offers more than just an education to students. As Dr. Gibson reflected in a recent article in the Kansas City Kansan, "Donnelly College is essentially about hope. If you are not satisfied, you can change it and you can achieve what you are capable of. We have some really good students and I think we give them a great education."

The recipient of a master's degree from the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. from